

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims below will replace prior versions of claims in the application:

9. 1. (Currently Amended) A method of handling a print job, the method comprising:

determining whether the entire print job can be processed by a printer locally;

processing the print job, by the printer, locally if the entire print job can be processed by the printer possible;

if the entire print job cannot be processed by the printer locally:

sending, by the printer, the print job to an external rendering device;

receiving, by the printer, a rendered print job from the external rendering device; and

the printer printing the rendered print job received from the external rendering device.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein sending the print job to an external rendering device includes sending, by the printer, a portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer locally to an external rendering device.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein sending the print job to an external rendering device includes sending, by the printer, a first portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer locally to a first external rendering device and sending, by the printer, a second portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer locally to a second external rendering device.

4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the external rendering device is accessible via the Internet.

5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the external rendering device is a server coupled to the Internet.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein determining whether the entire print job can be processed by the printer locally is performed by the a-local printer.

7. (Original) A computer-readable memory containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 1.

8. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of handling a print job, the method~~ comprising:

receiving, by a printer, a print job;

the printer identifying portions of the print job that can be processed by the printer locally;

the printer processing the identified portions of the print job locally;

the printer sending the portions of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer locally to an external rendering device; and

the printer receiving rendered portions of the print job from the external rendering device.


9. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 8 further including the printer printing the print job by combining portions processed by the printer locally and rendered portions received from the external rendering device.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 8 wherein sending the portions of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer locally to an external rendering device includes the printer sending a first portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer locally to a first external rendering device and the printer sending a second portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer locally to a second external rendering device.

11. (Original) A method as recited in claim 8 wherein the external rendering device is accessible via the Internet.

12. (Original) A method as recited in claim 8 wherein the external rendering device is a server coupled to the Internet.

13. Canceled.

 14. (Original) A computer-readable memory containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 8.

15. (Original) A printer comprising:

a communication interface; and

a processor coupled to the communication interface, wherein the processor determines whether an entire print job can be processed by the printer, if the entire print job cannot be processed by the printer, then the printer sends the portions of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer to an external rendering device, and the printer receives rendered portions of the print job from the external rendering device.

16. (Original) A printer as recited in claim 15 wherein the communication interface is a network communication interface coupled to the Internet.

17. (Original) A printer as recited in claim 15 wherein the external rendering device is a server coupled to the communication interface.

18. (Original) A printer as recited in claim 15 wherein the printer sends a first portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer to a first external rendering device and the printer sends a second portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer to a second external rendering device.

19. (New) A method comprising:

a printer receiving a request to print a document;

the printer identifying a resource locator associated with the document;

the printer accessing the document using the resource locator;

the printer determining whether the printer can print the document;

the printer printing the document if the printer can print the document;

if the printer cannot print the document:

the printer sending the document to a rendering device;

the printer receiving a rendered document from the rendering device; and

the printer printing the rendered document.

20. (New) A method as recited in claim 19 wherein the request to print a document is generated in response to a user selecting a document via the printer's user interface.

21. (New) A method as recited in claim 19 wherein the resource locator is a uniform resource locator (URL).

22. (New) A method as recited in claim 19 wherein accessing the document using the resource locator includes retrieving the document from a server associated with the resource locator.

23. (New) A method as recited in claim 19 wherein the document is a web page.

24. (New) A method as recited in claim 19 wherein the document is a hypertext markup language (HTML) document.
